

Boy Scouts Make Camp At Soldier Hollow

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A tent encampment of approximately 200 Boy Scouts of America from Wasatch Scouting District dotted the lower slopes of Soldier Hollow Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at their annual Klondyke Scouting Jamboree. Salt Lake Organizing Committee staffers and athletes invited the scouts to Soldier Hollow in appreciation for the scouts' massive service project performed last October, clearing the entire venue of willows and brush.

The camp was easy to find. One just followed the tantalizing smell of potatoes, meat, stew and cherry cobbler, cooked in foil or tin cans. White smoke from a dozen fires curled up into the sky, covering the area with a smoky haze.

Scouters Jason Coulam and Shane Hinkle, Troop 1052, Heber 11th Ward, were busy preparing their umbrella tent for the night while

Kim Proctor, assistant Scout Master supervised.

Scott Rawlings, scout from Troop 212, Heber 2nd Ward, said his main goal was "to earn badges." Scouts can achieve rank advancement in overnight camping, pitching tents, and cooking from this experience. "We have a great time together at these encampments," enthused Scout Master Ryan Holmes, Troop 215. "This year we are working on interpersonal skills, mixing up the boys in different groups for camaraderie." Lance Kohler, a Life scouter and Patrol Leader, earned six merit badges for his rank. Kole Whipple and his troop, 224 from Midway 3rd Ward, were busy cooking foil meals on the camp stove, hoping the potatoes would cook in time for dinner.

Scouts were treated to a talk by John Mortin of Vermont, a biathlon athlete who competed in Japan as well as European and Canadian games, including Innsbruck, Austria and Lillehammer, Norway. "Not

many competition venues are as clean and good as Soldier Hollow," he said. "This is an opportunity for our Olympic committee to show the world that we can still hold the Olympic games here, regardless of the snow." He told of the snow-making pipes which were buried under the course and snow guns which are capable of making snow for the ski trail. For this event alone, snow was trucked in from Wolf Creek and spread over the course.

Mortin told the scouts, "This is what teamwork can do. It could happen here." Mortin ended his talk by thanking Wasatch District Scouts on behalf of the athletes, for their hard work and efforts in clearing the trails and venue.

After the flag-raising ceremony and a hearty breakfast Saturday morning, the scouts rallied at the bleachers to watch the U.S. National Biathlon Championships at Soldier Hollow. They were introduced by the announcer who described their

contribution to the Olympic venue. They were able to see first hand the levels of exertion required in the cross-country skiing and precision marksmanship with a rifle, the most demanding of any of the Olympic Games.

Following the biathlon, Scout Troop 211 formed a color guard to present the American, Canadian and Utah State flags at the award ceremonies. Thurl Bailey, Utah Jazz star, was guest speaker and signed autographs for some of the scouts.

Lunch was served to the scouts at the encampment site, after which several scouts took advantage of strapping on skis donated by the Homestead and practicing on the stadium's biathlon oval. They were able to get a cross-country perspective of Soldier Hollow events. Kent Smith, organizer of the Scout Jamboree said, "the scouts and scout masters have really been looking forward to this event." Wasatch District scouts heartily agreed.

AVALANCHE! . . . A4

Several weeks ago two Park City residents left for a beautiful day of skiing at The Canyons resort. Neither of them returned. In the wake of the tragedy, many people are left wondering what happened and if there is any way this type of thing could be prevented.

WRESTLING . . . B1

An undefeated season just got better. The Wasps kept their Region 10 Title this past weekend.

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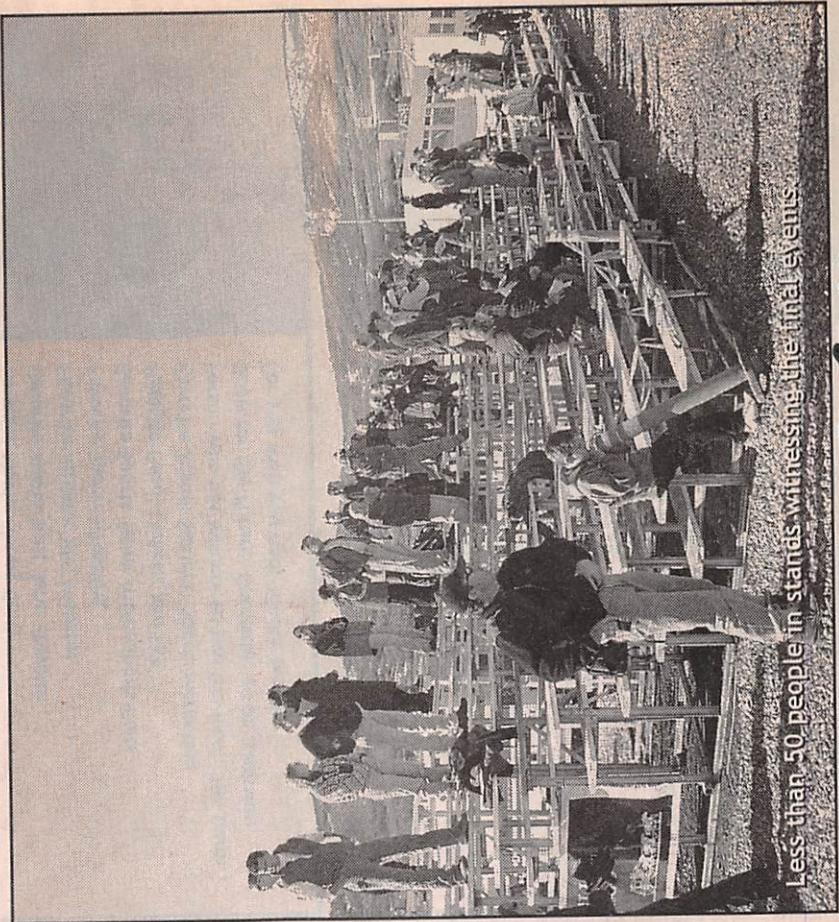
Residential and commercial construction is at an all time high in Wasatch County. This year's progress edition highlights the unprecedent growth.

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Biathlon Action At Soldier Hollow



Jean-Franco Guimont starting his run



Less than 50 people in stands, witnessing the final events.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION

Biathlon Goes On Despite Lack Of Snow

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Rachel Steer and Curt Schreiner had repeat performances this weekend during the National Biathlon Championships at Soldier Hollow.

Steer, who is from Anchorage, Alaska, swept all three races, while Schreiner won the first two days of competition and fell into fourth place the last day losing to Rob Rosser.

With the lack of snow in Wasatch County, the relay races were dropped from the competition and the start date was moved to Thursday.

Thursday's competitions included the sprint races, where each racer had to shoot once from the prone position and once from standing position.

Each shooter had five shots. For every missed shot they were penalized and had to take one lap around the penalty-loop before going back out on course.

In the senior men division Schreiner, who won Thursday's competition, shot clean in both positions and won with a time of 25:10.2.

Rosser, who placed second, had three missed shots and finished in a time of 25:54.5.

Third place went to Dave Gieck out of Salt Lake City. Gieck shot clean in the prone position and missed twice in the standing position.

For the junior men Jon Rice of Winnipeg, Manitoba, took first shooting clean in both positions, and finished in a time of 32:01.1.

Second place went to Roddy Ward of Canada, and third went to Jean-michel Tetrault of Canada.

In the senior women, Steer claimed victory having only one missed shot in the prone and shot clean in the standing position. She finished in a time of 24:09.8.

Second place went to Andrea Nahrgang

who had three missed shots and finished in a time of 24:46.7.

Stacie Wooley, who attended the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan, finished third overall. Wooley shot clean from both positions and finished in a time of 24:55.

Tracy Barnes of Durango, Colo. took first

for the junior women having missed two shots and finished in a time of 27:27.

Second place went to Chandra Crawford of Canada, who finished in a time of 27:31.7 and had four missed shots.

In third place was Cindy Templeman who finished the course in a time of 29:29.2 and had only three missed shots.

Saturday's races saw repeat winners in the junior women, senior men, and senior women.

Schreiner shot clean once again and finished in a time of 25:20.2 for first place in the senior men division. Following closely behind him with a time of 25:28.8 and shooting clean was Dan Westover. Jeremy Teela of Alaska, took third having only one missed shot.

In the junior men, Ian Odell of Park City, UT, took first with a time of 30:58 and three missed shots. Roddy Ward of Canada, took third with a time of 31:17 and five missed shots. Third place went to Rice with a time of 31:27.

In the senior women, Steer saw gold again having two missed shots in the prone position finishing in a time of 23:41.9. Second place was Kris Sabasteanski, who shot clean and finished in a time of 24:14.9. Nahrgang

took third place with a time of 24:36.4 and had only three missed shots. Wooley finished fourth and shot clean from both positions.

For junior women, Barnes repeated Thursday's performance, finishing the fast course in a time of 27:16.5. Barnes shot clean in the prone position and in the standing she missed three shots.

During Saturday's award presentations Thurl Bailey of the Utah Jazz, presented the awards to the winners.

Sunday's performances included the classical races. These races started according to the racers final finish on Saturday.

For the senior men, Rosser took first having only three missed shots total in the range and had a time of 35:29.8. Second place went to Teela, who had a total of four missed shots. Third place was Gieck, who finished with four missed shots and time of 35:54.5. Schreiner fell back into fourth place during this competition.

Odell had a repeat performance winning the junior men's race. Alasdair Robertson-More finished second, and in third was Mike McKinney.

Steer again took first on Sunday with a time of 35:34.7.

Nahrgang finished second and Sabasteanski took third. Sabasteanski only had two missed shots total on the shooting range.

For the junior women, Barnes fell into second place on the last day of competition, losing to Crawford who finished the course in 39:11. While Templeman finished third overall.

The races were a success despite the lack of snow.

Next year the Biathlon World Cup will be held at Soldier Hollow.

These races also determined who the National team going to Oslo, Norway would be.

Lady Wasps Lose and Gain State Ranking

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A win against Judge Memorial started everything for Wasatch.

Whiting also kept the score rolling for Wasatch.

By the end of the first half the girls had a 26-18 lead.

Park City managed to catch up, getting within

Fackrell followed with nine, while Peterson and Whimpey each added seven.

Friday night's game ended in an overtime loss.

